



GIRL ABOUT TOWN

SINGLE GIRLS: YOU GOTTA HAVE FAITH

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Seattle women are “sweet, nice and not like bitter or angry, with no jaded attitude.” That’s New York matchmaker **Janis Spindel** after interviewing hundreds of girls at Seattle’s Hotel 1000 on a recent scouting mission. Clearly, she hasn’t been privy to conversations in the ladies’ room at any Belltown bar on a Saturday night. Just kidding.

Spindel asked a lot of questions in her trademark rapid-fire and somewhat tactless style: Do you smoke? Would you relocate? Are those real?

But it seemed the one question that stumped Seattle women had to do with religion.

“In New York, you ask people what their religion is, and it’s either Jewish or Christian,” an exasperated Spindel said. “How come on the West Coast, you ask that question and it’s like pulling teeth?”

She had a point. Upon asking a woman wear-

ing pink Uggs if she was brought up Christian, the woman replied matter-of-factly: “I was raised in California.” ...

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LOST IN TRANSLATION? The Mariners have been blaring “Funk Blast” to celebrate home runs at Safeco this season. But Monday’s back-to-back homers by **Kenji Johjima** and **Adrian Beltre** against the Boston Red Sox had some fans puzzled. Turns

out the Mariners had debuted the Japanese and Spanish translations of “Funk Blast” on the scoreboard: “Sugoi Ippatsu” and “Explosión de Funk,” respectively. I’m all for diversity, but to be honest, I barely know what “Funk Blast” means in English. Mariners marketing guru **Cole Parsons** explained it this way: “Pam, home runs are *fun*. All we’re doing is adding the ‘k.’” ...

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